SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the signers of the Declaration of Independence were inspired to dedicate our nation to the conception of Freedom Under God; and

WHEREAS, the keynote of American Independence was sounded with the phase "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness"; and

WHEREAS, in appropriate commemoration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the great patriot, John Adams, in 1776 said: "The Fourth of July ought to be commemorated as a day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty,"; and

WHEREAS, International Communism is today threatening the principles of freedom upon which the independence of our nation is based:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 27 - July 4, 1954, as a FREEDOM UNDER GOD observance of

INDEPENDENCE WEEK

and do hereby urge all South Dakotans to stage appropriate demonstrations in recognition of the relationship between Religious Faith and our Freedom and do further urge South Dakotans to attend the church of their choice on Sunday, July 4 and give thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of freedom we enjoy in our United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 21st day of June, 1954.

. . . . . Sigurd Anderson . . . . . .
Governor

ATTEST:

. . . Geraldine Getzert . . . . . .
Secretary of State

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